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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s): John R. Milton

Confirmation No.: 1142

Application No.: 09/738,208

Examiner: Tran, Quoc A.

Filing Date: 12/15/2000

Group Art Unit: 2176

Title: System and Method for Pruning an Article

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above- application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

( ) Previously submitted:

( ) Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

( ) Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

(X) Enclosed:

(X) Amendment/Reply

( ) Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)

( ) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_ 08/26/2005 MBINAS 00000010 002025 09738208

Miscellaneous

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( ) Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.

The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2100****CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8**

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In re the application of:	)	Confirmation: 1142
John R. Milton	)	
Application Number: 09/738,208	)	Art Unit: 2176
Filing Date: December 15, 2000	)	Examiner: Tran, Quoc A.
Title: System and Method for Pruning	)	Docket No.: 10005368-1
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 28, 2005 FILED WITH**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In regard to the outstanding Final Office Action (Paper No. 20050624) mailed on June 28, 2005 Applicant submits the following Response.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-0225.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: